

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SUNDAY	9.30am	Rob Brazier RIP
6 TH September	11.30am	Pavl Clerkin RIP
		Live Streamed at http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11
	6.30pm	People of Parish RIP

FERIA

MONDAY	9.00am	Holy Souls RIP
7 th September		Church open 8.45am until 10am

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TUESDAY	9.00am	David Jawed RIP
8 th September		Church open 8.45am until 10am

FERIA

WEDNESDAY	9.00am	Ints John Dimoni
9 th September		Church open 8.45am until 10am

FERIA

THURSDAY	9.00am	Maura Stone RIP
10 th September		Church open 8.45am until 10am

FERIA

FRIDAY	9.00am	Ints Bridie Dean
11 th September		Church open 8.45am until 10am
		ADORATION until 12noon

FERIA

SATURDAY	10.00am	Confessions (Church open at 9.45am)
	5.00pm	Confessions
12 th September	6.30pm	Maureen Nugent RIP

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SUNDAY	9.30am	Robert Collins RIP
13 th September	11.30am	Alzira Rita D'Souza & Hyacinth Young RIP
		Live Streamed at http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11
	6.30pm	People of Parish RIP

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

5th - 6th September 2020



If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

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Parish Facebook Page is at <https://www.facebook.com/OLOLE11>

YouTube Channel <http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11>

Pastoral Team - Reverend Patrick J. Sammon, Reverend Adrian Lowe

Parish Secretary - Daniella Tarr

Pastoral Assistants - Carmel Docherty, Frank Adesegha.

Chair of Parish Council - Fiona Christison

OLOL Site Manager - Bernie Dando

Pastoral Centre Caretaker - Camille Mouquet

Catechetical Co-ordinator - Michaela Mouquet

Headteacher OLOL School - Ruth Boon

Steward of the Gospel - Anne-Marie Fox

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we begin another year in Parish life.

The long hot summer is over, holidays have come and gone and thankfully our children are safely back at school. But sadly, COVID 19 and the fallout from it, are still with us. Parish life as we knew it, has changed as we come to terms with the new normal.

We are people of faith and despite all that is happening, we do not lose hope or heart, but continue to bear witness to the Gospel and to praise and thank Almighty God for his goodness to us.

We continue as a community of prayer and love, praying for each other and helping each other out by action and by encouragement.

To ensure the safety of everyone coming to church, strict safety measures sanctioned by the Government and the Diocese have had to be implemented. We are adhering 100% to those and there is no deviation from, or watering down of them.

Please continue as you have been doing, to observe them. Our Co-ordinator Bernie Dando (deserves a gold medal) has been truly magnificent in ensuring the safety of all. She has worked tirelessly day and night.

I thank also her team of helpers who are so generous in giving of time and talents. It is Gospel work, we need more such helpers. Please do come forward to help out the community. We are in this together.

I welcome our new Parish Secretary Daniella Tarr who will work on a part time basis – 3 times a week, from 9.00 to 11.30.

Please make sure that newsletter items are in by Thursday morning.

It will be some time before parish groups are operating again-details will be given in the newsletter.

The months September to October this year have been named season of Creation by Pope Francis. This season celebrates the joy of Creation whilst encouraging awareness of initiatives to protect the natural environment. We are invited during this time to care for what Pope Francis calls, "*Our common home*".

When we hear the word 'home' we tend to think of the people whom we live and share with- our home, our living space, our immediate family. Each of us lives within a particular web of relationships that we call home but it is important also to realise that we live in a wider relationship with the Earth and all of Creation.

We all live in a common home and we must care for it and for each other.

In today's Gospel, Jesus recognises the difficulty of living in community but makes it clear that we all have a responsibility for each other and are called to 'look out' for each other. With typical perspicacity, it is beautifully summed up by Pope Francis:

"We need to strengthen the conviction that we are all one single human family"

God Bless you and yours in the week ahead, Father Pat

WELCOME

Today we welcome to our parish Father Adrian Lowe, our new Assistant Priest. Please keep him in your prayers as he begins his Ministry among us.

We welcome into the Family of God through Baptism, Sean Lyon Anthony O'Donnell and Eleanor Elizabeth Rose Grogan-Fenn, recently baptised.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Father Paschal Uche for looking after the parish so well during the month of August. We wish him well in his new parish of St James the Less, Colchester.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our young people who passed their A-Level and GCSE exams and are continuing their education or embarking on the world of work.

Congratulations and good luck to Michael Donovan from our community and Sam, who were recently married.

KATE HAYES RIP

Kate, a long time parishioner here, departed to God last week. She walked among us for so long and was an inspiration, with her love of God's Creation, her poetry and her cat. She served in the Repository for many years- may she rest in peace. Our sympathy to her family who live in Scotland. She was predeceased by her husband Joe.

PETER FINLAY RIP

Peter, father of Cate Athenitis and Hugh Finlay from our community, who has died at Sawbridgeworth. Our sympathy and prayers are with their family.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Robert Britt-Hazard, Pat Hetherington, Noreen Cavanagh, Justina Paul, Mary O'Riordan, Anne Silcock, Norma Cohen-Johnson, Olive Flynn, Bridie Connolly, Glafira D'Souza, Violet Ruttlidge, Mary P. Sullivan, Bridie Halligan, Gill Poulain, Finbar O'Regan, Mikey McDonagh and Mimi Bacon. *{If you wish to include the name of a sick and housebound person, please contact the parish office}.*

RIP ANNIVERSARIES

Mrs Winifred Cook, Alice O'Leary, Vincent Mansi, Nell Titley, Winnie Zuber, Michael Joseph Dignan, Reginald Ruppert, Mrs Victoria Servid, Mrs Pauline O'Keefe, David Michael Kelly, Phillip Gallagher, Thomas Martin Bushby, Geoffrey Hawkins, Miss Mary Sullivan, Shirley Evelyn Oatham, Thomas Francis Murray, Mrs Hall, Mrs Eileen Hayes, Bessie Parish, John Glynn, Victims of 9/11 disaster New York, Linda Marie Cordas, Winifred Alhassan, Baby Rory Adey, Miss Nora Thompson, Mary Ann Balmer, Reginald Butler, Antonio Ferreri, Gerard Jones Durcan, Cyril Ahyce.

Sacramental Preparation 2020/2021

Due to COVID 19, First Holy Communions and Confirmations have had to be deferred. Here are the revised dates:

First Holy Communion 2020 Masses

19th September 10am

20th September 2pm

26th September 11am

26th September 2pm

27th September 2pm

3rd October 11am

Confirmation dates 2020:

The following are the dates for Confirmations Mass:

1st October 7.30pm

4th October 2pm

9th October 7.30pm

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Masses will be ticket only.

First Holy Communion 2021:

Parents with children in Year 3 and above who wish for their children to be prepared for 1st Holy Communion please email Michaela Mouquet, (michaelaololcc@gmail.com) for a registration form.

Baptisms

Those wishing to arrange baptisms, please email the Presbytery. Baptisms are now taking place but with restricted numbers attending.

Weddings & Funerals

Weddings and funerals can now take place, with restricted numbers, COVID 19 restrictions in place and social distancing to be observed.

RCIA

The RCIA process will start at the end of September. Details to follow, applications to Father Pat: wanstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org

FRIDAY - ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 9.30am to 12noon on Fridays. There will be NO evening Adoration.

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR AUGUST:

1ST PRIZE £100 MARTIN & BREA MANNION, 2ND PRIZE £50 LIZ CLARKE, 3RD PRIZE £50 ANTHONY McCARTHY. CONGRATULATIONS!

CORONAVIRUS APPEAL

CAFOD has joined the UK Disasters Emergency Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirus to help CAFOD scale up its response through our global church family.

We hope shortly to have a CAFOD Justgiving page on the Parish website to enable a quick response whenever crises occur and for those who would like to donate in support of CAFOD's work.

FUNERALS (COVID RESTRICTIONS)

Who can attend: As a principle, numbers should be minimised as far as possible and no more than 30 people. Alongside the member of clergy, Funeral Director and staff, the government advises that only the following should attend: Members of the person's household; close family members; or if the above are unable to attend, close friends.

It is important that anyone attending should not exhibit any symptoms of COVID-19 or place themselves at risk. See the government guidance.

The usual guidance on hygiene, hand sanitising and people with symptoms not attending church, as set out in the guidelines for opening for individual prayer, applies. Further information on Government website/guidance for the safe use of places of worship during the pandemic.

PARISH FINANCES

During lockdown, parish finances took a huge hit with big losses. To help your parish financially, I am asking if you can (without too much hardship) to donate the following:

- If possible, increase your weekly offertory donation
- Make sure all contributions are gift aided
- If easier for you, take out a standing order or direct debit
- If you can manage a one off donation to the church and gift aid it.

N.B. Young people who are at work are asked to contribute to the church via the offertory.

Contributions to the parish can be made via a page on the Brentwood Diocesan website at

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=wanstead> and selecting General Offertory. You can, if you prefer, make a payment directly into the parish bank account using online banking. You will need to set up the OLOL Wanstead Parish as a payee on your online banking app or internet page. The Parish Bank details are as follows:

<i>Bank:</i>	<i>HSBC</i>
<i>Account Name:</i>	<i>Catholic Church Wanstead Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
<i>Account number:</i>	<i>71018973</i>
<i>Sort Code:</i>	<i>40-13-22</i>

ITEMS OF INTEREST

CARITAS DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATOR

The Diocese is diverse, vibrant, and full of dedicated volunteers running projects, which bring to life the Gospel mandate to recognise and serve Christ in the poor and those on the edges. If you have a heart for such work, and the skills to develop and strengthen it, this could be your perfect job! Deadline 2nd October 2020; Start January 2021. Full details

<https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/developmentcoordinator/>

SITE MANAGER VACANCY

The Diocese is looking for a Site Manager for the Cathedral Site to manage the routine maintenance of the buildings and grounds at the Cathedral Site. A job description is available upon request but the key elements are as follows:

- Overall premises management
- Maintain the premises in a safe and healthy condition
- Identify anything requiring repair or maintenance and action as required
- Ensure all matters are logged as appropriate
- Liaise with Contractors as required

The expected closing date is Friday 2 October. For more information and a full job description and person specification contact recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has registered for the Fun Walk which normally takes place at the Barleylands Farm site in Billericay. This year, participants and parish groups are invited to walk 2k or 5k **anywhere they wish at any time during September** and ask for sponsorship from friends and family to help support our work. All details & sponsorship forms are available on www.bccs.org.uk under the Events/Virtual Fun Walk tab or follow us on social media for updates. We would be very happy to hear from parish or family groups who would like to walk for us – please email Libby: lphillips@bccs.org.uk

Tuition Services

The Route to success



Are you interested in finding the right kind of support to ensure your child's academic success?

Please do not hesitate to contact by either phone or email to discuss the bespoke service that we have on offer. We cover a broad range of services and can individualise a support package that will meet the individual needs of your child at whatever stage they are. We approach the teaching in a creative, multisensory, cumulative manner which engages the pupil in learning and guarantees success.

- English GCe and GCSE Lit and language
- Study skills KS3 and KS4
- Specialist Dyslexic support at both primary and secondary level.

Please contact either by phone or email to discuss the needs of your child and the support we have available in more detail. The support can take place in your own home or in South Woodford.

Nicola Coghlan: Mobile: 07342626521

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FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

LOLO Social Media:

The parish is on Facebook & Twitter [@OLOLE11](https://twitter.com/OLOLE11) so please follow or like these pages, as these social sites, along with the parish website

ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com are updated

regularly as a method for us to communicate key information to parishioners especially during these changing times.

God Is Mercy by Henri Nouwen

The older we become, the more we realize how limited we are in our ability to love, how impure our hearts are, and how complex our motivations are. And there is a real temptation to want to look inside of ourselves and clean it all out, and become people with a pure heart, unstained intentions, and unconditional love. Such an attempt is doomed to failure and leads us to ever greater despair. The more we look into ourselves and try to figure ourselves out, the more we become entangled in our own imperfections. Indeed, we cannot save ourselves. Only Jesus can save us. That is why it is so important to remove your inner eye away from the complexities of your own broken heart toward the pure but broken heart of Jesus. Looking at him and his immense mercy will give you the ability to accept your own imperfections and to really let yourself be cared for by the mercy and love of Jesus.

I remember how Thomas Merton once wrote: "God is mercy in mercy in mercy." This means that the more we come to know ourselves, the more we come to know God's mercy, which is beyond the mercy we know. Letting go of the desire to be perfect lovers, and allowing God to love our people through us, that is the great spiritual call that is given to you and to me. There in the pure heart of God, embraced by his unconditional love, you will find the true joy and peace your heart is longing for.